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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 2356.0014-09

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Luc MONTAGNIER et al.)
Serial No. 08/470,489) Group Art Unit: 1648
Filed: June 6, 1995) Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.
For: RETROVIRUS CAPABLE OF) BOX AF
CAUSING AIDS, MEANS AND)
METHOD FOR DETECTING IT)
IN VITRO)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 27

In response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 1999 (Paper No. 27), applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

90. (Amended) A method of detecting HIV-2 retrovirus nucleic acid in a biological sample, said method comprising:

a) contacting said sample with an HIV-2 specific probe under hybridization conditions [selected from the group consisting of hybridization conditions of 42°C below the melting temperature of the probe, 20°C below the melting

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